

OFFICIAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OF WAYLAND

FOR ITS
100TH MUNICIPAL YEAR,

FROM
February 1, 1879 to February 1, 1880.



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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Death comes with its special lesson of sadness and tears. At the beginning of the present official year, we were called to mourn the loss of an able ally, a courteous associate, and an esteemed friend. Soon after re-entering upon his official duties, Mr Reeves,* for a long time in precarious health, rapidly failed, and in a few weeks was called away by that messenger whose summons can never be disregarded. Although it was generally known that he was fast sinking into a decline from which he would probably never rally, yet the announcement of his death was received with sorrow and deep regret by a large circle of friends.

It is unnecessary to speak of the services which Mr Reeves rendered the Town in all its various departments. The general acceptance with which he filled all the offices to which he was elected, and the time and labor which he for many years gave them, are too well known to need any comment. He was guilty of no subservience; and he scorned to attend to the interests of the Town with any less diligence than his own. Enterprises calling for active co-operation for the good of the community were sure to be approved and assisted by him. His nature was full of refinement, and keenly sensitive to everything noble and true. His uniform courtesy seemed to be a natural sequence. He was a steadfast friend and safe counsellor. He adorned every position which he was called to occupy, possessing a most happy faculty of presiding with dignity and grace upon public

*Sylvester Reeves, died April 15, 1879.

occasions ; ever ready with fluent and fitting words. The last tribute which he received, of the esteem and high regard in which he was held by his fellow townsmen, seems a fitting termination to a life dedicated, in a great measure, to public duties. He was true to his friends, trustworthy to the Town, and they all join above his grave in praise and sorrow.

“Tears and honor to his memory.”

The suit of John A. Wood, Jr., *versus* Town of Wayland for damage on the highway near the house of T. B. Hawes, on the Saxonville road, the Town voted not to settle, and instructed the Selectmen to defend it. G. A. Somerby, Esq., of Boston, was employed as counsel ; but Mr Somerby dying before the case came to trial, Samuel Hoar, Esq., was retained to take charge of the case. The trial came off at the last December term, and a verdict was given in favor of the Town. We would recommend that a special appropriation be granted to complete the graveling of the above highway to Lyon’s corner, as that portion of the road is very flat, and muddy during the wet season.

Complaint being made that “Bridle Point” Bridge was in a dangerous condition, we concluded, after an examination, to call a special town meeting to consider the matter. At the said meeting a committee was chosen to repair the bridge.

We authorized G. W. Philbrick to replank the Sherman Bridge in the north part of the Town.

For the financial standing of the Town see Treasurer’s and Auditor’s reports.

CHAS. H. BOODEY, }
WILLIAM HAMMOND, } *Selectmen.*

Wayland, Feb. 1, 1880.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

NOTE.—A complete report in detail has been prepared and presented to the Auditor. Excepting that portion which relates to the entire receipts, and to the Contingent Fund, abstracts only are presented to the Town. AUDITOR.

Receipts from all sources for the year ending Feb. 1, 1880.

Balance in Treasurer's hands Feb. 1, 1879,		\$1,302 25
Feb.	1. T. S. Sherman, money overdrawn on Poor,	13 50
	2. C. H. Boodey, " " " Schools,	5 00
	6. Collector, 1878,	455 00
	7. Use of Hall, Cochituate,	25 00
	20. Collector, 1878,	1,180 23
	27. " "	100 00
	28. " "	220 00
Mar.	3. " "	255 29
	1. Rent of New Hall,	24 00
	1. " " Old "	16 00
	1. T. S. Sherman, money overdrawn on Poor,	5 00
	6. Collector, 1878,	240 00
	11. " "	140 50
	13. Dog License for 1878,	278 71
	20. Rent of Hall, Cochituate,	25 00
	20. Collector, 1878,	231 10
	26. Money borrowed for Interest,	1,100 00
	29. Auction License,	2 00
	31. Rent of New Hall,	31 00
Apr	9. State Treas. on account of Poor,	75 80
Amount carried forward,		<hr/> \$5,725 38

Amount brought forward,		\$5,725 38
Apr.	9. Bank Tax,	9 72
	11. Collector, 1878,	712 00
	11. Rent of Hall, Cochituate,	25 00
	21. Collector, 1878,	400 72
	21. Money borrowed,	5,200 00
May	1. " "	2,000 00
	2. Rent of New Hall,	26 00
	3. Centre Hay scales,	13 59
June	10. Collector 1878,	90 00
	11. " "	176 79
	12. Money borrowed,	1,500 00
	14. Rent of Hall, Cochituate,	27 00
	30. Collector, 1878,	395 50
Aug.	9. Rent of New Hall,	4 00
	14. Collector, 1878,	328 14
	14. " 1879,	44 86
	20. Money borrowed,	500 00
	26. Collector, 1878,	91 00
	26. " 1879,	346 00
Sept.	10. Tax Title,	86 34
	10. Interest on Tax Title,	2 90
Sept.	10. Recording Tax Title,	75
	10. Collector, 1878,	162 76
	18. " 1879,	300 76
	18. Rent of Old Hall,	20 00
	25. Collector, 1879,	2,400 00
	30. " "	913 60
Oct.	4. " "	500 00
	7. " "	750 00
	10. Rent of Hall, Cochituate,	40 00
	14. Collector, 1879,	958 22
	18. " "	700 00
	21. " "	665 00
	24. Tax Title,	40 14
	24. Recording 3 Deeds,	2 25
Amount carried forward,		<hr/> \$25,158 42

		Amount brought forward,	\$25,158 42
Oct.	24.	Interest on Tax Title,	1 32
	28.	Collector, 1878,	300 00
	28,	" 1879,	285 00
Nov.	4.	" "	725 51
	10.	Rent of Hall, Cochituate,	25 00
	10.	Collector, 1878,	100 00
	10.	" 1879,	500 29
	24.	" "	575 00
Dec.	2.	" "	210 00
	9.	Corporation Tax,	255 13
	9.	National Bank Tax,	996 95
	9.	State Aid,	246 00
	9.	Sailors and Soldiers Relief,	92 00
	9.	State Poor, temporary,	31 13
	12.	Collector, 1879,	285 50
	26,	" "	1,100 55
Jan.	2.	" 1878,	98 00
	2.	" 1879,	499 50
	9.	Donation Fund,	12 00
	9.	Rent of New Hall,	44 00
	9.	Sale of Grass,	2 00
	13.	Collector, 1878,	104 00
	13.	" 1879,	826 00
	20.	" "	500 00
	24.	State Treas. Mass. School Fund,	187 83
	31.	Hay scales, Cochituate,	32 90
May	14.	Collector, 1878,	345 21
Total Receipts,			<hr/> \$33,539 24

TRANSFERS TO THE CONTINGENT FUND.

Unexpended balances of 1878-9, transferred April 7, 1879.

Special Appropriation Centre Primary District.	\$14 16
Painting and repairing School House at Cochituate,	44 75
Hose-carriage and Hose,	345 24

Amount carried forward,	<hr/> \$404 15
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Amount brought forward,	\$404 15
Unappropriated,	444 43
Highways,	94 48
Library,	242 55
Incidentals,	20 46
Schools, Rooms and Fuel,	196 26
Prosecuting violation of Liquor Law,	125 50

RECEIPTS CARRIED TO CONTINGENT FUND.

Feb.	7.	Rent of Hall, Cochituate,	25 00
Mar.	1.	“ “ New Hall,	24 00
	1.	“ “ Old Hall,	16 00
	2.	“ “ Hall, Cochituate,	25 00
	29.	Auction License,	2 00
	31.	Rent of New Hall,	31 00
Apr.	9.	Bank Tax,	9 72
	11.	Rent of Hall, Cochituate,	25 00
May	2.	Rent of New Hall,	26 00
	3.	Hay scales, Centre	13 59
June	14.	Rent of Hall, Cochituate,	27 00
Aug.	9.	Rent of New Hall,	4 00
Sept.	10.	Tax Title,	86 34
	10.	Interest,	2 90
	10.	Recording,	75
	18.	Rent from Old Hall,	20 00
Oct.	10.	Rent from Hall, Cochituate,	40 00
	24.	Tax Title,	40 14
	24.	Interest,	1 32
	24.	Recording 3 Deeds,	2 25
Nov.	10.	Rent of Hall, Oochituate,	25 00
Dec.	9.	Corporation Tax,	255 13
	9.	National Bank Tax,	996 95
	9.	State Aid,	246 00
	9.	Relief of Sailors and Soldiers,	92 00
Jan.	9.	Rent from New Hall and sale of grass,	46 00
	9.	Overlayings on County Tax,	21 94

Amount carried forward,

\$3,632 86

Amount brought forward,		\$3,632 86
Jan. 9.	Overlaying on State Tax,	3 20
9.	“ “ Town	13 93
9.	Additional assessments,	206 01
31.	Hay scales, Cochituate,	32 90
Total,		<hr/> \$3,888 90
<i>Drawn from Contingent Fund.</i>		
Credit Bills,		\$1,222 40
State Aid,		36 00
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		\$1,258 40
Balance of Fund,		<hr/> \$2,630 50

UNEXPENDED BALANCES OF 1878-9.

By vote of the Town passed April 7th, 1879, all unexpended balances not otherwise disposed of, were to be transferred to the Contingent Fund. On some of these balances, drafts had been made between Feb 1st (date of the balance) and April 7th. The following table will show the results :

	Balance Feb. 1, 1879.	Drawn be- tween Feb. 1, and Apr. 7.	Balance trans. to Contingent
Schools,	\$1,740 01	\$1,543 75	\$196 26
Highways and Bridges,	182 48	88 00	94 48
Library,	242 55		242 55
Incidentals,	180 29	159 83	20 46
Hose-carriage and Hose,	1,342 82	997 58	345 24
Painting and repairing School House, Cochituate,	51 50	6 76	44 75
Special appro. Centre Primary School House,	26 98	12 82	14 16
Unappropriated (\$1,635 51, plus \$23 50 cash paid in)	1,659 01	1,214 58	444 43
Liquor Law,	125 50		125 50

Abstract statements relative to the above Departments, showing their resources April 7, 1879, with the payments made therefrom, and the balances Feb. 1, 1880 :

	Resources.	Payments.	Balances.
Schools, appro. \$3,500 00, Dog License \$139 35, Donation \$12, State Fund \$187 83,	\$3,839 18	\$2,751 01	\$1,088 17
Highways and Bridges, appro.,	1,000 00	688 70	311 33
Library, appro. \$300, Dog License, \$139 36,	439 36	342 38	96 98
Incidental, appropriation,	500 00	267 60	232 40

Abstract statements comprising all other Departments :

	Resources.	Payments.	Balances
Salaries of Officers, appro.,	\$600 00		\$600 00
Collector's Fees (1878), appro.,	110 00		110 00
“ “ (1879,) “	200 00		200 00
Firemen's Pay, appropriated,	200 00		200 00
Abatement of Taxes, appro.,	200 00	15 77	184 33
Support of Poor, balance \$265 04, State Treas. \$106 93, appro. \$300, transfer from unappro. \$133 07,	805 04	583 71	221 33
Interest on Town Debt, unexpended balance \$703 63, appropriation, \$6,150 00,	6,853 63	5,225 10	1,628 53
Temporary Loans,			
H. Heard, \$1,100 00			
W. G. Roby, 1,200 00			
Brewster, Bassett & Co., 3,500 00			
H. G. Harwood, 2,000 00			
M. M. Damon, 500 00,	8,300 00	8,300 00	
Tax Titles, receipts,	133 70	5 75	127 95
State Aid, (\$246 paid from unappro., \$36 from Contingent,)		282 00	
Water Works, appropriation	500 00	500 00	
Water Loan Bonds, (balance)	693 54	693 54	
Credit Bills, (paid from Contingent Fund,		1,222 40	
Hook & Ladder house-lot, appro.,	425 00	425 00	
Water Sinking Fund,	500 00	500 00	

State Tax,	310 00	310 00
Balance of Appropriations,		\$5,000 99
Balance on Contingent Fund,		2,630 50
Total,		<u>\$7,631 49</u>
Cash on Hand,	\$1,698 97	

DEBTS OF THE TOWN.

		Interest per annum
Apr. 27, 1863, Treas. of Donation Fund,	\$411 66	—6 per ct.
Nov. 3, 1863, Treas. of Library Fund,	500 00	—6 “
Jan. 1, 1875, Treas. of Allen Fund,	1,000 00	—6 “

		Interest semi-annually.
Apr. 1, 1879, payable to order of Hor- ace Heard, treasurer,	\$5,200 00	—4½ “
(The above note is a transfer from two notes payable to order of C. H. Campbell, treasurer, bearing interest at 7 per ct. semi-annually.)		

		Interest per annum.
Nov. 8, 1875, John Pickering & Moseley, Boston,	\$10,100 00	—6 per ct.
Dec. 1, 1875, John Pickering & Moseley, Boston,	7,528 00	—6 “
May 1, 1878, Plymouth Savings Bank,	10,000 00	—5 “

		Interest semi-annually.
Aug. 1, 1878, Water bonds issued,	25,000 00	—5 “
Oct. 1, 1878, Town “ “	44,500 00	—5 “

\$104,239 66

HORACE HEARD,

Treasurer.

Wayland, Feb 1, 1880.

HORACE HEARD, TREAS., IN ACCOUNT WITH WAY-
LAND WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Received on Deposit.

Town appropriation,	\$500 00	
Water rates,	944 54	
	<hr/>	\$1,444 54

Paid to order of Commissioners, as follows :

To Harris Bros.,	\$131 21	
“ H. W. Blaisdell,	53 35	
“ Harris Bros.,	66 43	
“ J. Nutter,	9 00	
“ Walworth Co.,	232 20	
“ Howe & Co., Ex.,	1 50	
“ Harris Bros.,	60 74	
“ Ralph Bent,	9 00	
“ J. M. Moore,	20 00	
“ C. Fairbanks,	11 50	
“ Harris Bros.,	78 35	
“ W. R. Nichols,	47 50	
“ Davis & Farnum,	44 12	
“ W. Hapgood,	9 00	
“ Walworth, Co.,	51 42	
“ A. Fteley,	25 00	
“ Cook & Sons,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$855 36

Balance on hand,	<hr/> \$589 18
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HORACE HEARD, *Treas.*

Accountant.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Mr. William Hapgood, the efficient warden of four years, remained the past year on a salary of \$325. This was a reduction on the previous year of \$25.

The number of persons receiving full support remains the same as last year; four of whom are at the Almshouse, and one, Ada L. Moore, becoming violently insane, was removed April 5th to the Worcester Lunatic Hospital. This causes an expense of about \$190 per year, which was not anticipated in making the appropriation last April.

PARTIAL SUPPORT.

The custom has obtained in past years of persons in straitened circumstances applying to one of the Overseers and of receiving an order for groceries and provisions. While this plan has afforded great temporary convenience, yet the evils resulting are numerous and serious. It renders support too easily and privately obtained, and affords a temptation to secure it rather than apply lessons of economy and self-denial, resulting in a loss of self-respect and independence of character to the recipients, while it places burdens upon tax-payers, besides tending to fix the settlement of these recipients upon the town. After careful consideration of these facts it was unanimously voted by the board in October last, That all persons receiving assistance from the town should receive it only at the Almshouse.

TRAMPS.

Facts gained from reliable sources convinced us that the town was suffering from imposters. To remedy this evil it was decided that meals and lodging should be furnished only at the Almshouse, the meals to consist of one course, viz., crackers and water. The result was immediate and our report on tramps for the year ending Jan. 31, 1880, is as follows :

Tramps furnished with lodging,	238
“ “ “ meals,	141
Total cost,	\$3 52

RECEIPTS.

Unexpended balance, Feb. 1, 1879,	\$264 04
Appropriation,	350 00
Refunded by the State,	106 93
Transferred from unappropriated funds,	134 07
Total,	<u>\$805 04</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Warden's Salary for 1878-9,	\$350 00
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, Ada L. Moore, clothing and board, six months, to Oct. 1st,	102 55
John Kelley, at House of Correction,	11 43
Dennis Mullen, “ “	4 28
J. C. Butterfield, feeding tramps and for oil and lamp for Lockup (bill of previous year),	38 14
Fuel for Lockup (bill of previous year),	7 63
Assistance to Peter Guiot,	30 31
George Sandford,	7 00
Joseph Row,	3 63
John Stone,	3 63
Peter Boney,	7 25

Amount carried forward,

Amount brought forward,	\$565 85
Assistance to Richard Huard,	6 36
Mrs. Hannon,	3 50
Leopold Yeager,	8 00
Total,	<u>\$583 71</u>
Unexpended balance, Feb. 1, 1880,	\$221 33

ALMSHOUSE.

Receipts.

Cash balance, Feb. 1, 1879,	\$72 36
Reeeipts from produce, &c.,	432 13
Total,	<u>\$504 49</u>

Expenditures.

Cash paid for all expenses,	\$448 11
Balance of receipts over expenses,	<u>\$56 38</u>

VALUE OF PROPERTY.

Personal (appraised value, Feb. 1, 1880,	\$910 77
Real " " " "	2,500 00

UNPAID BILLS, FEB. 1, 1880.

House of Correction, Mary McClellan,	\$13 14
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, Ada L. Moore,	48 10
J. C. Butterfield, fare to Worcester, carriage hire, certifi- cates of Dr. Wood and Dr. Wheeler, (care of Ada L. Moore,)	12 00
Chas. Fairbanks, bill of previous year,	10 40
Jos. M. Moore, groceries, as follows :	
Jos. Row,	\$6 00
Moses Caswell,	10 00
Mrs. Sears,	3 00
Amount carried forward,	<u>19 00</u>
	\$102 64

Amount brought forward,	\$102 64
Warden's Salary for 1879-80,	325 00
Total,	<hr/> \$427 64
Balance in Treasury and Warden's hands,	277 71
Deficiency, Feb. 1, 1880 (estimated),	<hr/> \$149 93

This deficiency is accounted for by unexpected bills, as follows :

Ada L. Moore, Hospital to Jan. 1, 1880,	\$150 60
House of Correction, bills,	28 85

The larger part of money expended in assistance to individuals is refunded by towns and the State.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER H. SHERMAN,	} Overseers of the Poor.
JOHN C. BUTTERFIELD,	
CHAS. FAIRBANKS,	

WAYLAND, Feb, 1, 1880.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

FIRST ASSESSMENT.

Value of Real Estate assessed,	\$921,584
Personal Estate assessed,	273,491
Total,	<u>\$1,195 075</u>

Number of Polls, 522.

Assessed on estates for town purposes,	\$19,825 00
" " Overlayings,	13 93
Assessed on Polls for State Tax, (60 cents each)	310 00
Overlayings,	3 20
Assessed on Polls for County Tax, (90 cents each)	447 86
Overlayings,	21 94
Total assessed for all purposes,	<u>\$20,621 93</u>
Total overlayings on all assessments,	<u>\$39 07</u>

Rate of tax per \$1,000, \$16 60.

ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENTS.

On Real Estate,	\$70 38
Personal Estate,	134 13

On Polls,	9 00
Total,	\$213 51
Amount of abatements in the above taxes, granted by the	
Assessors to date,	\$59.26

RECAPITULATION, INCLUDING ALL ASSESSMENTS.

Total value of Real Estate, May 1, 1879,	\$925,824
Personal Estate,	281,571
Total,	\$1,207,395
Total number of Polls, 528.	
Total amount assessed for all purposes,	\$20,835 44
Number of dwelling-houses taxed,	325
horses “	319
cows “	677
acres of land “	9,266 1-4

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS INCLUDED IN THE FORE-GOING ASSESSMENTS.

For schools, including care of rooms and fuel,	\$3,500
support of poor,	300
highways and bridges,	1,000
collection of taxes,	200
money borrowed to pay for hook and ladder house-lot,	425
money borrowed to pay for gravel-land, and the sup- port of poor,	1,200
money borrowed to furnish town hall and library room, and for grading and fencing the town-house lot,	2,750
money borrowed to pay for hose and hose carriage,	2,000
maintenance of water works,	500
abatement of taxes,	200
library purposes,	300
salaries of town officers,	600
pay of firemen,	200
incidental charges,	500

For interest on town debt, \$6,150

Total, \$19,825

The Assessors would respectfully urge the necessity of a general re-valuation of the real estates within its limits, to insure a proper and equitable assessment of taxes; and that the town order such a valuation to be taken for the next year's assessment.

The following taxes assessed the current year (1879) have been abated by the Assessors:—

J. C. Wade,	\$19 92		P. Nolan,	\$8 30
S. Rutter,	15 27		F. Corman,	4 98
N. Reeves' heirs,	8 30		H. C. Tyrrell,	2 49

JAS. S. DRAPER,	}	Assessors
HORACE HEARD,		of
GEO. A. RICE,		Wayland.

Feb. 1, 1880.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

1878-9.

Balance due aud unpaid on Feb. 1, 1879,	\$6,496 60
Feb. 6, 1879, paid Treasurer,	\$455 00
“ 20, “ “ “	1,180 23
“ 27, “ “ “	100 00
“ 28, “ “ “	220 00
March 3, “ “ “	255 29
“ 6, “ “ “	240 00
“ 11, “ “ “	140 00
“ 20, “ “ “	231 10
April 11, “ “ “	712 00
“ 21, “ “ “	400 72
May 14, “ “ “	345 21
June 10, “ “ “	90 00
“ 11, “ “ “	176 79
“ 30, “ “ “	395 50
Aug. 14, “ “ “	328 14
“ 26, “ “ “	91 00
Sept. 11, “ “ “	162 76
Oct. 28, “ “ “	300 00
Nov. 10, “ “ “	100 00
Jan. 2, 1880 “ “	98 00
“ 13, “ “ “	104 00
Abatements for 1878, (to be applied for,)	130 20
Collectors Fee, for 1878,	225 00
	<hr/> \$6,480 94
Balance due,	<hr/> \$15 66

Amt. of interest collected on taxes of 1878,	\$336 84	
Balance of interest due on taxes of 1877,	163 04	
	<hr/>	\$499 88
Total due on taxes of 1877-8,		<hr/> \$515 54

COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1879-80.

The Assessors' warrant to the Collector for 1878-9 contains the following items, the total of which is the sum assessed and to be collected, viz. :—

State Tax,	\$310 00
County “	447 86
Town “	19,825 00
Overlayings,	39 07
Additional Assessments,	213 51
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Total,	\$20,835 40

By vote of the Town, after deducting the County Tax, one-half of the remainder is to be paid to the Treasurer, on or before the first day of October, and the balance on or before the last Monday in December.

Paid County Treasurer,	<hr/> \$447 86
	\$20,387 58

Amount due the first day of October,	\$10,193 79
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Paid to Town Treasurer as follows :—

Aug. 14,	\$44 86
“ 26,	346 00
Sept. 18,	300 76
“ 25,	2,400 00
“ 30,	913 60
Oct. 4,	500 00
“ 7,	750 00

Total payments,	<hr/> \$5,255 22
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Amount due Oct, 1, (brought forward,)	\$10,193 79
Total payments, (brought forward,)	\$5,255 22
Amount due on first payment,	<u>\$4,938 57</u>
Total amount due,	\$15,132 36

Other payments to the Treasurer :—

Oct. 14, 1879,	\$958 22
“ 18, “	700 00
“ 21, “	665 00
“ 28, “	285 00
Nov. 4, “	725 51
“ 10, “	500 29
“ 24, “	575 00
Dec. 2, “	210 00
“ 12, “	285 50
“ 26, “	1,100 55

Total amount on second payment, \$6,005 07

Total amt. due last Monday in December, \$9,127 29

Payments continued :—

Jan. 2, 1880,	\$490 50
“ 13, “	826 00
“ 20, “	500 00
	<u>\$1,825 50</u>
	\$7,830 57

Amount brought forward of first payment, 5,255 22

Total amount paid \$13,085 79

Amount due at close of financial year, \$7,301 79

EDWARD POUSLAND,

Collector.

Wayland, Feb. 1, 1880.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

REGISTRATION, 1879.

Number of births recorded,	53
Males, 27 ; females, 26.	
Native parentage,	29
Foreign “	15
In Cochituate village,	36
Number of marriages recorded,	18
Natives, 29 ; foreigners, 7.	
First marriage of parties,	32
Second marriage of parties,	4
Number of deaths recorded,	29
Males, 15 ; females, 14.	
Native birth, 25 ; foreigners, 2.	
Under five years,	5
Over seventy years,	3
Oldest person,	78
Diseases,—Consumption and lung diseases,	8
Diphtheria,	7
Heart Disease,	4
Infantile,	4
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Number of dogs licensed,	133
Males at \$2 each,	117
Females at \$5 each,	16
Amount received,	\$314 00
Amount paid to County Treasurer,	287 40

HENRY WIGHT,

Town Clerk.

Wayland, Feb. 1, 1880.

LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Sale of 580 lbs. of coal,	\$1 88
Sale of paper used by the Auditor,	60
Interest on "Draper Fund,"	30 00
Fines collected,	16 66
Sale of catalogues,	4 80
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Total,	\$53 94

EXPENDITURES.

Deficit of 1878-9,	\$22 61
For books,	13 80
“ altering and repairing Cochituate boxes,	2 63
“ book supports on shelves,	4 04
“ binding and repairing,	14 20
“ expressing, \$1 10, mucilage, 40 cents,	1 50
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	\$58 78
Deficit due Treasurer,	\$4 84

J. S. DRAPER,

Treasurer.

“ALLEN FUND” TREASURER’S REPORT.

Interest received,	\$60 00
Disbursed to four beneficiaries, in sums of \$6, \$16, \$18 and \$20,	\$60 00

The Trustees have not been able to secure the balance of \$6 left in the hands of J. N. Cochrane, the Treasurer of the Fund in 1877-8.

J. S. DRAPER,
Treasurer.

Wayland, Feb. 1, 1880.

"DONATION FUND" TREASURER'S REPORT.

The entire fund (\$1,236 47) is invested same as reported last year.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance of last year,	\$1 50
Interest on the Fund,	79 49
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Total for distribution,	\$80 99

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid into the Town Treasury,	\$12 00
to one person,	6 00
to one person,	12 00
to one person,	21 00
to two persons, \$15 each,	30 00
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Total,	\$81 00

WILLIAM BALDWIN,
Treasurer.

Wayland, Feb. 1, 1880.

CEMETERIES.

NORTH CEMETERY.

RECEIPTS.

Cash from sale of lots,	\$17 00
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EXPENDITURES.

For labor on Cemetery,	\$7 20
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Balance on hand,	\$9 80
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J. A. DRAPER,
Superintendent.

Wayland, Feb. 1, 1880.

LAKE VIEW CEMETERY.

RECEIPTS.

Cash from sale of lots, (reported last year,)	\$30 00
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“ “ “ “ “ (1879-80,)	87 50
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Total,	\$117 50
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EXPENDITURES.

Reported last year,	\$102 80
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E. J. Carter, labor on Cemetery, (1879-80,)	25 00
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W. W. Wight, surveying and planning the knoll in Cemetery,	10 00
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Cash paid Mr. Wight's assistant,	2 50
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	\$140 30
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Deficit due the Superintendent,	22 80
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Lots sold the current year, 13 1-2.

Due for lots sold to date,	\$77 50
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J. C. BUTTERFIELD,
Superintendent.

Wayland, Feb. 1, 1880.

FIRE ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The Fire Department has been called out only twice during the year, at the following fires :—

1st. Dwelling-house of Ezra L. Howe, caused by fireworks, July 4th. Damage very light, and fully covered by insurance.

2d. In the building owned by John L. Loker, and occupied by N. R. Gerald as a periodical store and by Dr. Boodey as an office, Dec. 25th. The cause of the fire was the ignition of saw-dust in a spittoon. The damage was less than \$100, it would have been much more but for the abundance of water from our hydrants, and the prompt action of the Fire Department.

The Department labors under a great disadvantage in having the engine house situated so far from the centre of the village. The engineers and firemen are all of one opinion, that it would be of great advantage to the Town to buy or lease a piece of land and move the building nearer the centre of the village.

The property of the Department is the same as last year.

We have contracted a few small bills for repairs, which we shall present to the Town at the April meeting as Credit Bills.

The Town appropriated \$200, at the last April meeting, for

the pay of the firemen. But as their pay is not due until the 1st of May next, the amount has not been drawn.

We would respectfully ask the Town for an appropriation large enough to buy or lease a piece of land nearer the village, move the building, and furnish it in a manner suitable for occupancy. In its present unfinished condition it is impossible to make it comfortable for the firemen to hold their meetings.

CHARLES W. DASCUMB,	}	<i>Fire Engineers for the Town of Wayland.</i>
DANIEL W. RICKER,		
RALPH BENT, <i>Clerk,</i>		

Wayland, Feb. 1, 1880.

SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER WORKS REPORT.

TO THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS :—

Gentlemen: I herewith submit my first annual report as Superintendent of the Wayland Water Works.

The number of services April 5, 1879, (the date of my appointment,) was forty-eight (48), supplying 41 dwellings, 4 stables, 3 shoe factories, 1 engine house, 1 school house.

There are at this date eighty-seven (87) services, supplying 78 dwellings, 110 families, 12 stables, 28 garden hose, 4 shoe factories, 1 school house, 1 engine house, 2 stores, 1 barber shop, 1 market, 1 boarding house.

There are at this date 5319 feet of service pipe laid, varying in size from 3-4 inch to 2 inches. Of this amount the Town has paid for 1,697 feet, 6 inches, and the individual water takers for 3,621 feet, 6 inches.

I have caused the brush that has been lying in the reservoir for the past year to be removed, the wood that was in it paying for the work.

The reservoir remained full of water until the first week in July. It fell about twelve (12) inches between that time and the storm that occurred about the 20th of August; from which time it would have remained full if it had not been drawn off for the purpose of clearing the brush from the reservoir.

There are two sources of supply for the reservoir (beside the natural drainage), one being from the brook starting under the hill back of the Perkins farm, so called, and the other

source being the brook having for its fountain head the Joseph Rice spring. By experiments, under the direction of Prof. A. Fteley, of the Boston Water Works, I find that for a period of over five (5) weeks this brook alone flows into the reservoir about twenty-three thousand (23,000) gallons of water daily, and this in a dry season.

This water all comes from the Joseph Rice spring and a few smaller springs between that and the pond. This is some 4,000 or 5,000 gallons a day more than the estimated amount of water now used by the village. I am confident that if the water remains good during the coming summer, so that it will not have to be used so freely in flushing the pipes as was done last summer, the water will run over the waste-way at the reservoir every day during the year.

RALPH BENT,
Superintendent.

Wayland, Feb. 1, 1880.

NOTE.—The above report, containing important information not embodied elsewhere, is incorporated with the other documents, though not required by any formal authority.

AUDITOR.

WATER COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

In compliance with the rules adopted by the Town, the Water Commissioners herewith present their annual report :—

The Board was organized, after the annual meeting, by the election of A. B. Lyon as president, and Wm. H. Bent as secretary and treasurer. At a subsequent meeting of the Board, Ralph Bent was elected superintendent.

Claims for land damages have been made by Thomas J. Damon, Cyrus Lee and Henry F. Lee, that remain unadjusted.

The ability of our hydrant service to contend with fires well advanced has not been tested, but your Commissioners have no fears on that score, as there has always been an abundant supply of water. There has been no trouble from freezing of pipes, either service or main.

On the 7th of April there was a public test of our street hydrants, by the Fire Department, to determine their efficiency in fires, and show to our citizens the means we now possess to ward off extensive conflagrations. This trial test was satisfactory. The Department has been called out but twice to fires, on the line of our main pipes, and the damage by fire has been very small.

The Town is probably not aware of the value of our hydrant service to the village of Cochrane ; it is certainly equal to one-half the interest on the Water Bonds, and we think our citizens will endorse this opinion.

The Commissioners do not ask that the hydrants should be

put into the account to be charged to the Fire Department, and then credited to the Water Works, although most towns have adopted that method to show how well their works paid. We wish the tax-payers to feel that for whatever small sum they may pay as interest, they are receiving a full equivalent.

Among the expenditures in building Water Works, are the cost of the reservoir, the construction of gate house, the furnishing of machinery for pumping in case of extensive fires, and the putting in of main and distributing pipes. The Town has made this outlay to supply the village of Cochituate with water for fire and domestic purposes; now let the people use their best efforts to supply themselves with water, that the Town may the sooner get a return for the investment.

The number of services put in the past year was not as large as we expected, owing to some trouble with the water during a short time in the summer, which was investigated by Profs. Nichols and Fteley, whose reports are in the hands of the Water Commissioners.

The accompanying report of the Treasurer will exhibit our financial operations.

A. B. LYON,	}	<i>Water Commissioners.</i>
WM. H. BENT,		
H. B. BRAMAN,		

Wayland, Feb 1, 1880.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Amount received from Town Treasurer for maintenance of Water Works, April 1, 1879,	\$200 00
Amount appropriated at April meeting for maintenance of Water works,	500 00
Amount received for water rates from Jan. 1, 1879, to Jan. 1, 1880,	939 93
Amount received for putting in service pipes from Jan. 1, 1879 to Jan. 1, 1880,	643 47

EXPENDITURES.

Paid interest,	\$10 75	
Knapp & Weeks for putting in service pipes,	640 00	
H. B. Braman & Co., for desk,	14 00	
Wm. Jessop, for trenching,	1 80	
Thos. Connor, for work on hydrants,	1 87	
Howe & Co., for expressing stand pipes,	4 45	
“ “ “ “	2 15	
J. M. Moore, office rent from Oct. 1, 1878, to April 1, 1879,	30 00	
J. M. Moore, for stationery,	1 85	
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Cook & Sons, for printing bill heads, &c.,	23 00	
Winkley, Throp & Dresser, for Water Works books,	36 00	
H. W. Blaisdell, bal. due on engineering account,	53 35	
Joseph Nutter, for labor on Water Works,	9 00	
Walworth Mfg. Co., stand pipes,	109 20	
tapping mach.	125 00	
	<hr/> 234 20	
Howe & Co., for expressing,	1 50	
Thomas Connor, work on reservoir,	9 00	
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Amounts carried forward,	\$1,072 92	\$2,283 40

Amounts brought forward,	\$1,072 92	\$2,283 40
Chas. Fairbank, repairing highway around hydrants,	11 50	
J. M. Moore, office rent from April 1st to August 1st, 1879,	20 00	
Prof. W. R. Nichols, visit to Water Works, making report and chemical examination of water,	47 50	
Harris Bros., putting in service pipe,	424 53	
Davis & Farnum Manfg. Co.,	44 12	
Wm. Hapgood, work on reservoir,	9 00	
Walworth Manfg. Co.,	51 42	
A. Fteley, examination and report on Water Works,	25 00	
Cook & Sons, printing,	3 00	
Cash paid to Town Treasurer,	\$440 76	
“ “ “ “ “	133 65	
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	\$2,283 40	\$2,283 40

WM. H. BENT,
Treasurer.

Wayland, Feb. 1, 1880.

WAYLAND WATER WORKS SINKING FUND.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

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Amount received from Town Treasurer,	\$500 00
Interest received on Gov. bond from Apr. 1st,	
1879, to Jan. 1st, 1880,	15 00

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Amount invested in U. S. Gov. four	
per ct. bond,	\$500 00
Interest on bond invested in Natick	
Five Cent Savings Bank,	15 00
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	\$515 00 \$515 00

A. B. LYON, } *Commissioners*
H. B. BRAMAN, } *of Sinking Fund.*

Wayland, Feb. 1, 1880.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

It gives us pleasure to be able to report the still increasing prosperity of the Library. Since occupying its new, commodious and pleasant apartments, it seems to have attracted a greater degree of attention and awakened an increased interest in itself as an institution whose beneficent influence cannot be fully estimated.

STATISTICS.

Whole number of volumes in the library,	7881
Accessions the past year by purchase,	184
“ “ “ “ presentation,	157
“ “ “ “ exchange,	16
Volumes bound and Transferred from pamphlet department,	38
Returned after several years' absence,	1
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Total additions during the year,	396
Number volumes bound and repaired,	141
“ pamphlets presented,	61
“ volumes issued during the last 47 weeks,	12,368
“ “ “ “ 48 weeks of the previous year,	9,731

BOOKS.

John Adams, Brighton,	1 vols.	J. S. Draper,	“	6	“
Bureau of Education,		Horace Heard,	“	1	“
Washington,	1 “	Sarah E. Heard,	“	4	“
L. Maria Child, Wayland,	1 “	Blanche Heard,	“	4	“
C. H. Campbell,	“ 1 “	F. F. Heard, Esq., Boston,	1	“	
Hon. Wm. Claflin, Newton,	3 “	Sarah A. Morse, Wayland,	6	“	
Ella E. Draper, Wayland,	1 “	T. A. Merrill,	“	1	“

Dr. C. H. Boodey, Wayland	1 vol.	Washington,	1 vols.
Edw. A. Peirce, "	2 "	Harriet S. Wyman, Way-	
Dr. T. W. Parsons, Boston,	4 "	land,	29 "
F. J. Parker, Esq., Newton	1 "	Martha B. Wight, Way-	
E. Smith, Esq., Dorches-		land,	5 "
ter,	73 "	Wayland Book Club,	10 "
Smithsonian Institute,	-		

PAMPHLETS.

E. Smith, Esq., Dorchester,	11	Cobden Club,	2
F. J. Parker, Esq., Newton,	3	Patent Office,	1
Dr. B. F. Clark, Charlestown,	1	City of Boston,	12
E. Perry, Esq., So. Natick,	1	" " Taunton,	1
J. J. Knox, Washington,	1	" " Worcester,	1
Hon. E. Hudson, Lexington,	1	Town of Natick,	1
Prof. E. J. Young, Cambridge,	1	" " Milford,	1
H. S. Sears, Weston,	1	" " Watertown,	1
Sarah A. Morse, Wayland,	1	City of Newton,	1
J. S. Draper, Wayland,	16	Town of Waltham,	1
J. P. Snow,	2	" " Lancaster,	1
Wayland Book Club, (Har-		" " Andover,	1
per's Weekly,)	52	" " Brookline,	1
Goodnow Library, Sudbury,	1		

GEOLOGICAL SPECIMENS.

	Pieces.		Pieces.
Chas. B. Heard, Wayland	86	Andrew S. Morse, Wayland,	3
Edw. A. Peirce, "	42	Wm. Dudley, "	3
Jas. S. Draper, "	56	Isabella Wight, "	1
Abel Heard, "	1	Mrs. C. H. Rice, "	2
Elijah Perry, Esq., So. Natick,	1		

INDIAN RELICS.

Chas. B. Heard, Wayland,	14	Evinson Stone, "	1
Augustus Dudley, "	1	Abel Heard, "	1
Joseph Rice, "	7	J. S. Draper, "	6
Robert Erwin,	6		

COINS.

Joseph A. Roby, Wayland,	7	J. S. Draper, "	12
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REVOLUTIONARY RELICS.

J. S. Draper, Wayland,	1
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WORKS OF ART.

Mrs. E. A. G. Heard of Wayland,—Life-size engraved portrait [framed] of John Greenleaf Whittier.

H. B. Braman of Wayland,—Life-size engraved portrait [framed] of Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Roby of Wayland,—Life-size engraved portraits [framed] of William Cullen Bryant, James Russell Lowell, and Henry Wordsworth Longfellow.

Mr. H. B. Braman has deposited 25 copies of bound volumes of Town Hall dedication exercises for distribution to public libraries.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The thanks of the Committee are hereby expressed to the several persons who have so liberally responded to the suggestions of the Librarian's report of last year in regard to making the library more *attractive* as well as more *valuable*. A good beginning has been made in the collection of "Indian Relics," minerals and other specimens, which have been examined with interest and satisfaction by many visitors. The portraits of five of the distinguished American poets, which have been received by donation, will most worthily adorn the walls of the library room. Special thanks are due to Mr. Geo. A. Leach for his efficient services, gratuitously rendered, as distributing agent in the village of Cochrane during the past year.

USES AND ABUSES.

It is to be expected that a book which is in almost constant circulation will in the course of several months show marks of age and service, even with good treatment. The law of decay is written upon the *book* as upon all other things. But if all the patrons of the library will see that books charged to their names are used with *proper care*, there will be a greater degree of satisfaction and quite a saving of expense. The responsibility for the safe-keeping and good treatment of the book is with the person against whom it is charged, until its return.

The book comes to us as a friend (old or new,) to cheer a lonely hour, to impart comfort, instruction and entertainment, and to give inspiration for a nobler and better life. It comes laden with choice treasures for the mind and heart of the reader, treasures coined from the experience and research of wise and gifted souls. It greets us with a smiling face, rejoicing in the happiness it hopes to impart. It is *always ready* when *we* are, to commence with us, to open to us its treasures and to impart to us revelations of wisdom and knowledge. Surely, its friendly ministries, so freely offered, should *always* secure for itself the most tender regard, the most respectful and honorable treatment. Books have open secrets to tell about the treatment they receive in their round of visits. Hear what this one says: "I had been entertaining the lady of the house for an hour, when she left me with *open page downward* upon a chair. Soon the baby, sitting near by on the floor, seized me, and after trying in vain to devour me, began a series of vigorous gymnastic exercises with me, much to his own delight, but to my own dismay. So here I am, battered, and bruised, and soiled." Listen to another's experience: "I was so interesting that the man could not stop to *wash his hands* after blacking his boots or harnessing the horse before he must see what I had to say. Which he enjoyed the more, I do not know, *myself* or his *pipe*, for we both seemed to share alike and together his attentions. So here I am, painted and perfumed." Still another: "I went where book-marks are scarce. Whenever the lady stopped reading, she would deliberately *turn down the leaf* to mark the place. And when she took me up again, I was put to tortures by being opened *so wide* that my covers were compelled to meet, and I was always held in that way, turned *inside out*, while she was reading. No wonder that my back is broken and my joints are loosened."

So these messengers of peace, leaving their companions on their nice, clean shelves, go out bright and sweet and comely; and return, after a month's friendly visit, with drooping wings,

delapidated and demoralized. These are exceptional cases, it is true. We wish to be able to report that *all* the books tell the story of *good usage* and careful treatment by those who enjoy their friendly visits.

SELECTIONS FOR READING.

What we read is of more consequence than *how much* we read. We hope all our books are good. But there are degrees of excellence. Some would be uninteresting and unprofitable for one, yet interesting and profitable for another. It is not the office of this report to classify and make recommendations for selections. Yet it may be of some service just to indicate a few of what we deem among the best selections from the more *recent*, and so less known, additions :—

	No.
Froissart's Historical Sketches, (for boys and young people,)	5,357
A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains,	5,344
His Majesty, Myself,	683
A Fools Errand, by One of the Fools,	5,328
Boys at Chequassett,	5,291
Breathings after the Better Life,	5,622
The Geological Story, by Dana,	6,344
Dress Reform,	6,341
Development of English Literature,	5,691
Analysis of the English Language,	6,356
Flower and Star,	1,375
French People,	5,378
Fall of Damascus,	5,392
Flowers of the Sky,	5,297
Wonders of the Moon,	6,345
Goethe and Schiller,	5,367
German Literature,	5,311
Jimmy's Cruise in the Pinafore,	5,295
Life of Wm. C. Bryant,	5,275
Letters from a Cat, (for the little folks,)	5,354
Light of Asia,	5,331
History of England, (for little folks,)	6,337
Home Memories,	1,332
How to Observe,	1,354
Heat,	1,365

The Waldenses.	5,617
History of Rome, (for young folks,)	5,379
Hope Mills,	5,341
The English Reformation,	5,394
Essays from N. A. Review,	5,396
Arnold's Essays,	5,380
Eyebright,	5,323
Cæsar, by Froude,	5,313
Christianity and Heathenism,	5,358
Civil Service In Great Britain,	5,319
Ocean Currents,	5,627
An Earnest Trifler,	5,298
Amongst Machines,	5,337
Art in America,	5,433
Wit and Humor,	5,374
Three Proverb Stories,	5,294
Thoughts That Breathe, [Stanley]	5,333
The Nineteenth Century,	5,342
Science Simplified,	6,350
Lectures on Sound,	5,651
Story of Liberty,	5,429
American Authors,	5,619
Sealed Orders,	5,334
The Professor,	5,365
Primitive Manners and Customs,	5,348
Primitive Culture,	5,334-5
Antiquities of North America,	5,318
Our Daughters,	5,624
Our New Crusade,	5,620
My Mother,	1,335
McLeod of Dare,	5,388
Memoir of Motley,	5,280
Through the Dark Continent,	5,307-8
McCauley, by Trevelyan,	4,911
Mycenæ.	5,408
Naturalist's Library,	5,528-69
• Young Mrs. Jardine,	5,339
My Desire,	5,353

WANTS.

(a) WANTED.—Attention to the amended By-Law requiring all books to be returned to the Library for inspection by the Committee the first day of January of each year.

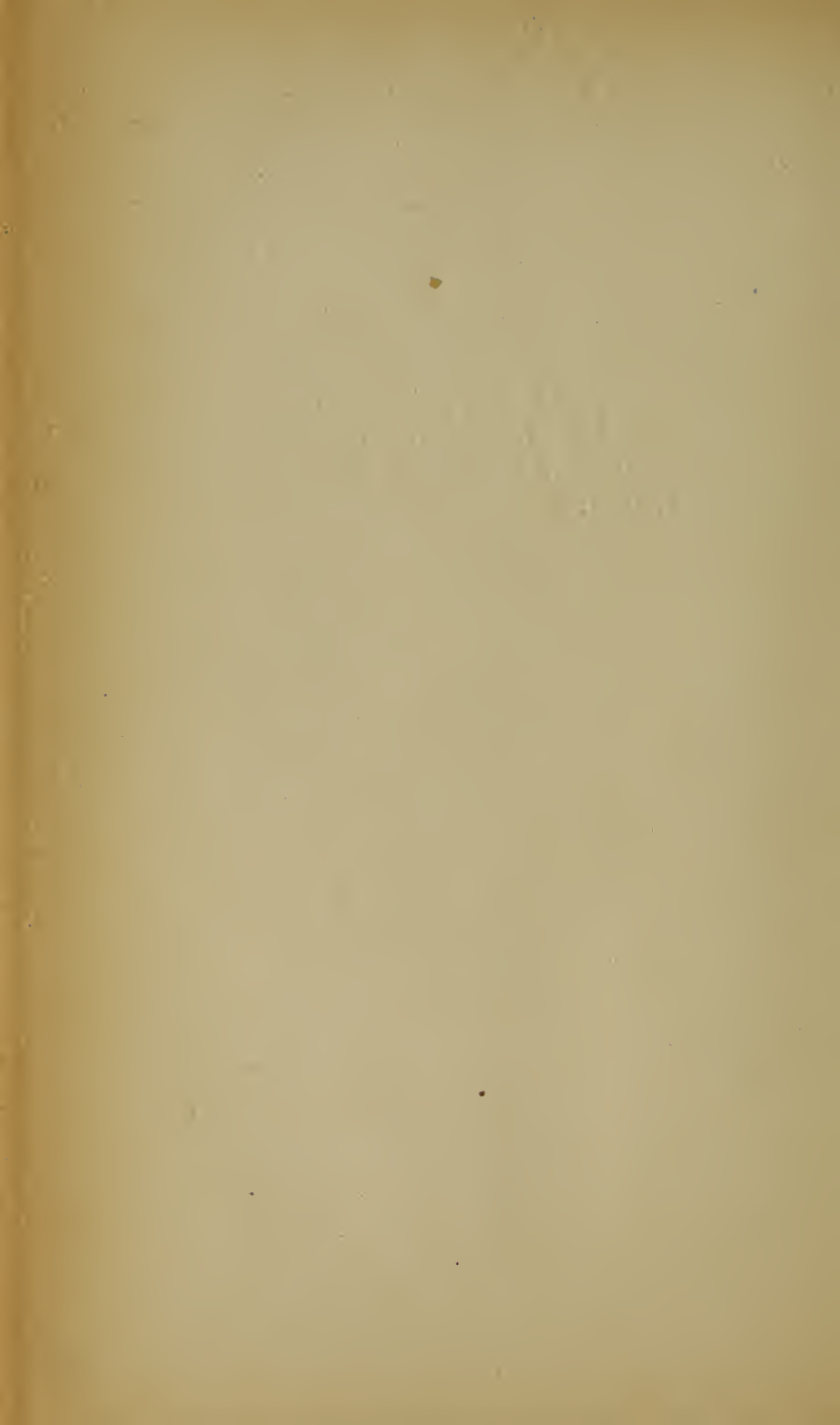
(b) A cabinet for the reception of relics, mineral and other specimens, curiosities, etc.

(c) Gifts of portraits or busts of eminent men and women, and other works of art.

(d) An appropriation of three hundred and fifty dollars, in addition to one-half the Dog License money, for the support of the Library the coming year.

T. A. MERRILL, <i>Chairman</i> ,	} <i>Library Committee.</i>
E. A. PEIRCE, <i>Secretary</i> ,	
MISS MARY E. REEVES,	
MRS. ANNA M. BENT,	
MRS. ANNA M. LOVEJOY,	
J. S. DRAPER, <i>Librarian</i> ,	

Wayland. Feb. 1, 1880.



REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

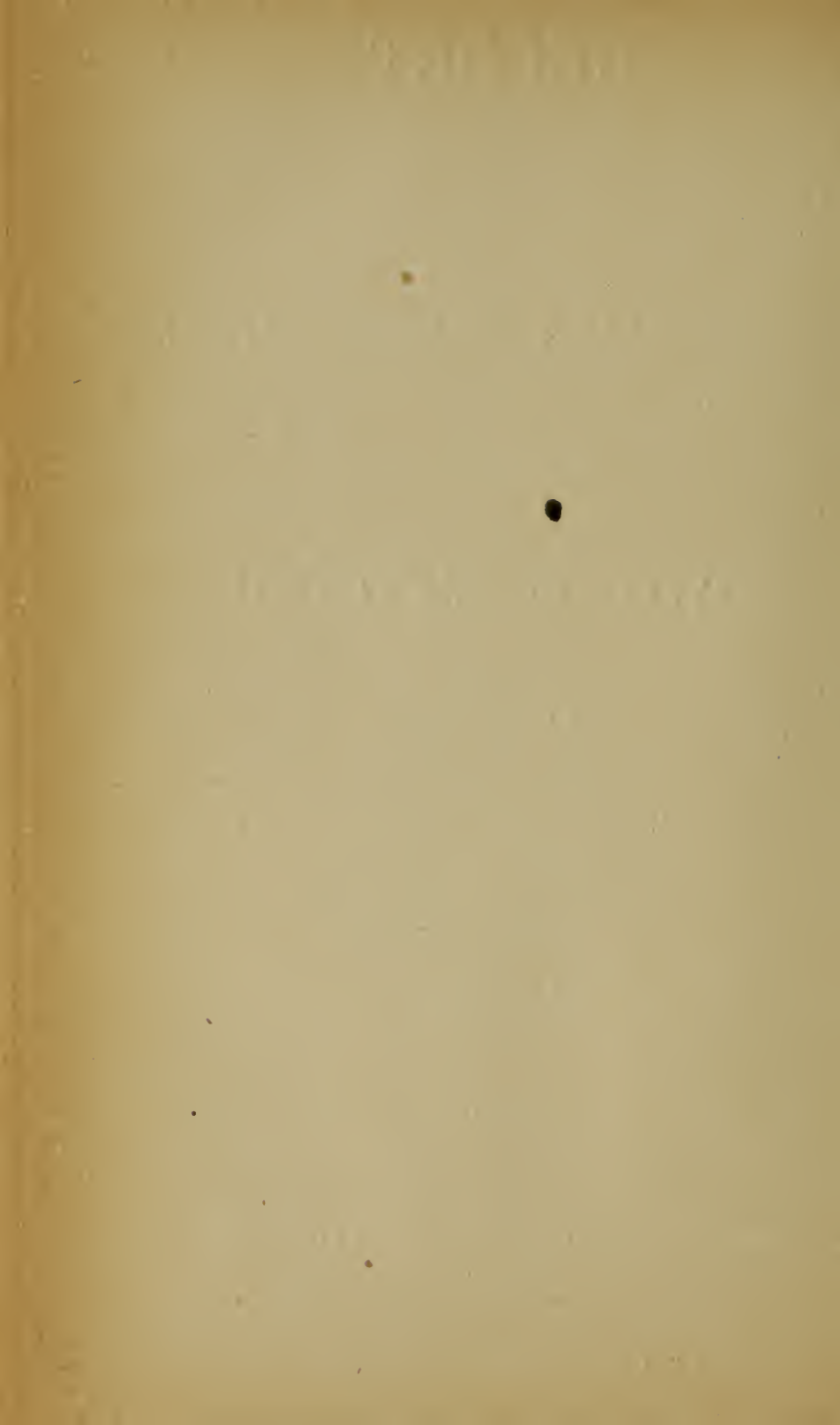
OF THE

TOWN OF WAYLAND,



FROM

FEB. 1ST, 1879, TO FEB. 1ST, 1880.



REPORT.

The South Grammar School has continued under the care of Mr. E. F. Adams, the instructor of last year.

This school, in past years, has been in rather an unorganized condition. We are happy to state that now, through the persistent and energetic efforts of Mr. Adams, it is quite thoroughly graded and will compare favorably with the Grammar Schools in the surrounding towns.

Whole No. Scholars,	Spring term,	54 ;	average attendance,	49
“ “ “	Fall “	47 ;	“ “	43
“ “ “	Winter “	47.		

The Lokerville School has continued the past year under the instruction of Miss Nellie R. Rice. This is one of the best schools in Town. The good order of the scholars, and their progress, will testify to the zeal and efficiency of the teacher.

Whole No. Scholars,	Spring term,	37 ;	average attendance,	32
“ “ “	Fall “	34 ;	“ “	32
“ “ “	Winter “	31.		

The First Primary School has been taught this year by Miss Gracie C. Langmaid. Although Miss Langmaid has taught but a short time, she has been a most successful teacher. The discipline she has maintained has really been remarkable, considering that her school is so overcrowded. In our opinion, the school should be divided at once, as 70 little children are altogether too many for one teacher to instruct. Owing to the scarlet fever being in Miss Langmaid's family, the winter term was cut short three weeks.

Whole No. Scholars,	Spring term,	64 ;	average attendance,	56
“ “ “	Fall “	70 ;	“ “	63
“ “ “	Winter “	70 ;	“ “	55

The teacher of the Second Primary is Miss Anna E. Merrill. Miss Merrill is one of our old teachers, and she has fully maintained her established reputation.

Whole No. Scholars,	Spring term,	36 ;	average attendance,	33
“ “ “	Fall “	32 ;	“ “	30
“ “ “	Winter “			

The Intermediate School has been taught by Miss Clara E. Nichols. We are pleased to notice that this school has rapidly improved during the past year. Miss Nichols is very capable in imparting instruction, and the proficiency of her pupils amply prove this.

Whole No. Scholars,	Spring term,	29 ;	average attendance,	25
“ “ “	Summer “	23 ;	“ “	21

The Centre Grammar School has been in charge of Mr. S. A. Holton, the faithful and efficient teacher of the past four years, and is in an excellent condition. We are sorry that some of the larger boys chose to deprive themselves of the advantages of this school rather than submit to its discipline.

Whole No. Scholars,	Spring term,	42 ;	average attendance,	36
.. “ “	Fall “	30 ;	“ “	27
“ “ “	Winter “	34.		

The Rutter School has been taught by Miss C. M. Lee seventeen successive terms ; she applies her well-tried methods with a patience and perseverance which secures the best results. The interest manifested by the parents in this school, proves that a teacher is sometimes honored in her own district.

Whole No. Scholars,	Spring term,	28 ;	average attendance,	23
“ “ “	Fall “	24 ;		
“ “ “	Winter “	31.		

The Thomas School, under the care of Miss L. M. Norton, has made very commendable progress the past year. We doubt if any teacher, for many years, has more fully satisfied the desires of all persons connected with the school.

Whole No. Scholars,	Spring term	;	average attendance,	
“ “ “	Fall “	;	“ “	
“ “ “	Winter “			18.

In the Centre Primary School, Mrs. E. Wheeler has been the teacher. The experience of the past year has confirmed us in our opinion that in this school we have the right teacher in the right place. The school is in a prosperous condition. At the commencement of the Fall term, Miss Perry taught very acceptably for four weeks.

Whole No. Scholars,	Spring term,	36 ;	average attendance,	32
“ “ “	Fall “	37 ;	“ “	32
“ “ “	Winter “	33.		

The North School is very small, and most of the scholars quite young. Miss Morse has been faithful in her labors for the good of her pupils, and the progress has been constant and satisfactory through the year.

Whole No. Scholars,	Spring term,	18 ;	average attendance,	11
“ “ “	Fall “	14 ;	“ “	10
“ “ “	Winter “	14.		

As a whole, we think the schools have been a success. The Committee take pride in their general efficient state, and cannot too strongly urge upon our citizens the necessity of hearty co-operation with the Committee, in all points, to sustain them in first-rate condition. There have been, as always will be the case, instances where the pupils have not received such benefit from the schools as they ought. There have been cases of antagonism, on the part of some scholars, to the teacher ; and when such cases were investigated by the Committee, it was found that the fault did not lay with the teacher. There have also been instances where the Committee have felt that the home influence over the child was a hindrance rather than a help ; and in this connection, we ask the earnest help of parents. Habits of subordination and study not only lighten the burdens of the teacher and help the progress of the pupil, but also last after the pupil leaves the school and enters upon the active duties of life. The old-time custom of helping the scholars at home, of encouraging and assisting, of explaining and rendering tasks pleasant, is also earnestly urged upon the consideration

of parents. Lack of interest among parents is an enemy to schools ; and while many parents take an interest in aiding their children, we think we are right when we say the majority do not. It is your money we are expending, and your children we are trying to benefit, and we cannot too emphatically ask your aid. Tardiness is another great evil, although we think our schools are doing as well as the average. Tardiness is often chargeable to parents, and by a little co-operation on their part it can be reduced to a minimum. It is unnecessary to state that absences are a source of injury both to the school and the scholar, and we cannot too strongly urge parents to allow nothing but sickness to prevent their children's constant attendance.

The reduced appropriation for last year has been hardly sufficient for the needs of the schools. In consequence, the number of weeks of the schools have been reduced to thirty-one instead of thirty-four, as in previous years. The Committee have endeavored to keep within the appropriation, by practicing rigid economy in all expenses. We would recommend that the sum of \$4,000 be appropriated for the support of schools (including only the teachers' salaries, care of buildings and fuel) for the ensuing year.

CHAS. H. BOODEY,	} <i>School</i> <i>Committee.</i>
E. A. PEIRCE,	
L. FLANDERS,	

Wayland, Feb. 1, 1880.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The foregoing accounts of the several officers of the Town have been examined, and are approved as properly vouched and correctly cast.

There appears to have been a very general effort to conform to the situation indicated last year, by applying rules of economy. Some of the departments show a marked degree of diminution in their expenditures.

It would have been gratifying if arrangements of the School Committee with the Teachers had been made, whereby their wages should have been reduced to correspond with the officers of the Town and the laboring citizens. Such a course is recommended and urged as just and equitable, as well as desirable on economic grounds.

Improvement is also noticed in the business methods of the Town ; not only in the books and accounts of the chief officers, but in the fullness and correctness of individual bills.

But two errors are noticed in the Selectmen's journal. One order of \$37 50 being wrongfully drawn from the School fund ; and a draft of \$4 37 was erroneously made from the Poor fund. A result of mixed items on the same bill. It is recommended that the Town order these sums to be respectfully transferred from the Contingent Fund.

The Selectmen have acted for the interest of the Town by cutting down the charges on quite a number of bills ; one bill receiving their compliments in this direction to the amount of \$30.

The Collector's accounts show a commendable improvement upon the previous year. Yet the best skill of the Auditor in computing interest due on nearly 350 payments of overdue taxes, aided by the generous efforts of the Collector, has failed to secure an exact coincidence of amount. The difference, however, is comparatively small. It seems only fair to presume that the Collector's Report exhibits the amount which has been actually received by him, and may therefore be properly allowed.

Exact results can only be attained in business matters, by correct calculations from reliable data.

The way adopted to show a complete settlement for the taxes of 1878-9 is certainly unique; and it may be questionable how the Treasurer can allow the full demand for the collection of taxes, with a recognized appropriation of only \$110, without some special action of the town.

The increasing amount of unpaid taxes, during the current year, points to the necessity of more stringent methods to secure such promptness as will enable the Collector to meet his obligations to the Treasurer. It appears from information received, that "it has been very much more difficult to collect the taxes the present year, than it was during the two previous years when interest was charged for delinquency." It would seem, then, that a return to the "Interest method" is advisable, unless a still better plan can be devised.

It is gratifying to notice that, by the action of the Board of Overseers of the Poor, the "tramp nuisance" has received a decided check: the number of lodgers being diminished from 850 in 1878-9 to 238 the past year; while those supplied with meals have been reduced from 897 to 141.

The question remains to be solved, whether similar desirable results would be reached by a full application of the rule adopted by the Board, *to all applicants* for help from the Town.

A loss of interest has been incurred on the \$2,500 in the

Contingent Fund, voted by the Town to be transferred to the Sinking Fund, by allowing it to remain unused.

Attention is called to the financial system for maintaining the Water Works. The plan of placing the regular appropriation, (after being drawn from the Treasury in the usual form) with the sums received from water-rates and other sources, in the hands of the Treasurer, (as a trustee *pro tem.*,) to be drawn by order of the Water Commissioners, is anomalous in our Town affairs, and seems a complication for which there is no more necessity than for the Overseers of the Poor to pursue a similar plan with the regular appropriation and the profits of the Poor Farm. It virtually makes the Town Treasurer the book-keeper for the Water Commissioners, without correspondingly valuable results gained.

The new plan adopted last year of "gathering up the fragments" of the unused appropriations into a Contingent Fund, has worked advantageously in many respects, and may well be continued. But, like most improvements, its action was not perfect. It summarily deprived the Schools and the Library of considerable sums to which they were fairly entitled. Unexpended balances should not be too hastily withdrawn from appropriations whose expenditure for the best interests of the Town should be gradual and cover over the entire year, as in the purchase of books for the Library, and also of such as have prior unpaid bills and outstanding orders.

Both the School and Library Committees, having proceeded through the year, in the management of their affairs, on the basis of using their respective balances of the previous year, now find themselves embarrassed ; the former having an insufficient sum to meet their bills (amount not ascertained) ; and the latter having but \$96 98 to pay the Librarian's salary and the Cochituate expressing. It is therefore recommended to re-transfer from the Contingent Fund, by order of the Town, the sum of \$242 55 to the Library appropriation ; and \$196 26 to the Schools.

In anticipation of a competent committee to recommend the regular and special appropriations for the ensuing year, no suggestions are offered on that topic.

The plan of exhibiting the departmental expenditures, adopted by the Auditor last year, is here continued with the following results :

DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES.

SCHOOLS.

NOTE.—The wages of teachers in the several schools have been the same as last year, except the North School, where \$8 per week has been paid.

Drawn from Regular Resources.

Tuition in all the Schools,	\$3,702 25
Fuel, (including \$157 52 of previous years),	375 21
Janitor's services,*	211 30
Cleaning school-rooms,	6 00
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Total,	\$4,294 76

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Expenditures Drawn from Appropriation of 1878-9.

J. D. Macuen, fire hook complete, (bill 1878-9)	\$12 00
J. Boyd & Son, hose-spanners, straps, etc., (bill 1878-9)	19 50
hose, \$450, washers, \$9 83, “ “	459 83
Buckley & Merritt, hose-carriage, (bill 1878-80)	500 00
D. W. Ricker, travelling expenses, time, etc., (bill 1879-80)	5 25
express on hose-cart and hose,	1 00
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	\$997 58
Drawn under Credit Bills, [for items see Credit	
Bills, Fire Dept.]	93 71
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Total,	\$1,091 29

Drawn from Incidental Fund.

Bradford & Williams, wall paper,	\$3 08
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*By an error in filling an order under this item, \$37 50 was wrongfully drawn from the School money.

Drawn from Unappropriated Money.

S. A. Holton, books for Centre Grammar School	\$9 32
S. K. Lovell, glass and putty, account of 1878,	2 07
Ink,	6 00
Hardware,	6 87
Pails, brooms, etc.,	4 77
Crayons,	4 16
Books,	28 40
Paint,	30
Mucilage,	20
2 mirrors,	1 26
Total,	<hr/> \$63 35

Drawn under Credit Bills.

(For items, see Credit Bills for Schools and Sch. Houses),	\$305 71
Total expenditures for Department of Schools,	\$4,663 82

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Drawn from Regular Resources.

William Hapgood, Warden's services, (1878-9)	\$350 00
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, for Addie Moore,	102 55
House of Correction, for Dennis Mullen,	4 28
" " " " John Kelley,	11 43
J. Mathews, groceries, meat, vegetables, delivered to P. Goyette, (full items)	23 06
J. C. Butterfield, feeding tramps, (bill Feb. 1, 1879)	36 90
S. M. Thomas, wood for Mr. Sanborn,	7 00
L. Jones, wood for Mrs. Hannon,	3 50
Town of Natick, burial of a child,	8 00
W. & J. M. Bent, coal for J. Rowe,	3 63
coal for J. Stowe,	3 63
coal for P. Goyette,	7 25
coal for F. Berry,	7 25
coal for F. Huard,	6 36
Total,	<hr/> \$574 84

Drawn under Credit Bills.

(For items, see Credit Bills for Support of Poor),	\$69 67
Total expenditures for Department of Poor,	<u>\$644 51</u>

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Drawn from Regular Resources.

R. M. Flint, labor of men and teams,	\$64 75
C. Fairbanks, " " "	127 50
C. B. Heard, " " "	107 54
H. G. Hammond, " " "	115 00
M. French, " " "	115 00
J. C. Butterfield, " " "	37 00
S. D. Bryden, " " "	113 85
G. W. Philbrick, " " "	88 00
C. B. Heard, lumber, spikes, freight,	7 56
C. Fairbanks, team to Natick,	50
Total,	<u>\$776 70</u>

Drawn from Unappropriated Money.

J. D. Moulton, labor by order of Selectmen,	\$200 00
W. P. Perkins, " " "	100 00
Total,	<u>\$300 00</u>

Drawn under Credit Bills.

(For items, see Credit Bills,—Highway,)	\$271 18
Total expenditures for Highways and Bridges,	<u>\$1,347 88</u>

LIBRARY.

Drawn from Regular Resources.

J. S. Draper, Librarian's salary,	\$150 00
C. H. Boodey, Cochituate agency and expressing,	100 00
Estes & Lauriat, books,	80 90
D. Heard, wood,	7 97
C. Lee, " "	3 50
Total	<u>\$342 37</u>

Drawn from Unappropriated Money.

Shorts for cleansing floor,	\$ 60
Cord to suspend Library regulations,	49
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Drawn under Credit Bills.

(For items, see Credit Bills for Library,	\$30 00
Total expenditures for Library,	\$373 46

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.
Drawn from Incidental Fund.

C. H. Boodey, salary, (1878-9)	\$50 00
W. Hammond, " "	25 00
T. H. Sherman, team for Selectmen,	3 75
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Total,	\$78 75

Drawn from Unappropriated Money.

L. K. Lovell, bill of sundries ; among them, blank book, stationery, postage stamps, mucilage, ink, dust brush, etc., bill of 1878,	\$10 02
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Total expenditures for Selectmen's department,	\$88 77

ASSESSORS.
Drawn from Incidental Fund.

E. Carter, Assessor's services, (1878-9)	\$25 00
L. K. Lovell, Collector's blank book,	2 00
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Total expenditures for Assessor's Department,	\$27 00

TOWN CLERK.
Drawn under Credit Bills.

(For items, see Credit Bills for Town Clerk),	\$79 50
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Drawn from Unappropriated Money.

State Aid,	\$282 00
T. S. Sherman, care of town clock,	20 00
police service,	5 00
C. Moulton, sawing and splitting wood, for old hall and new,	9 61
L. K. Lovell, Weigher's record book,	2 75
stock and labor repairing hay scales,	18 55
bill of sundries, among which are kerosene oil,	8 36
brooms, baskets, pitchers, matches, lamps, wicks, chimneys, zinc, glass and putty, tumblers, &c., bill of 1878,	15 01
The above articles were used in both the Town Houses.	
G. W. Whitney, care of School House Hall,	37 50
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	\$397 78

Drawn from Incidental Fund.

H. Heard, extra pay of Treasurer,	\$60 00
T. H. Simpson, procuring and posting warrants,	12 50
team to Cochituate twice,	2 25
notifying officers, dog owners, &c.,	6 50
G. A. Somerby's estate, legal services,	171 10
W. Hammond, witness fees (Wood vs. Wayland),	21 50
Steward of Hook & Ladder Co.,	15 00
C. H. Brodey, copying, drawing papers, recording, &c.,	30 00
C. B. Stevens, recording town documents,	5 50
Drawn under Credit Bills, (for items, see Credit Bills — Miscellaneous),	266 38
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Total,	\$988 51

CREDIT BILLS.

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL-HOUSES.

C. H. Boodey, salary,	\$50 00
E. A. Peirce, “	50 00

T. A. Merrill, “	45 00
Water-rates for So. Grammar School-house,	5 00
Water-pipes and labor for So. Grammar School-house,	15 84
C. W. Dascomb, repairs at Lokerville School-house,	12 40
G. W. Dixon, repairs on Thomas School-house,	3 30
repairs on Rutter “	1 00
repairs on Centre Grammar School-house,	75
repairs on Centre Primary “	1 65
C. Lee, painting, papering and varnishing, at School-	
houses, with stock supplied,	28 71
C. Bridges, settees for Centre Grammar School,	5 40
W. Videon, labor, [house not stated]	1 50
R. T. Lombard, legal services,	15 00
J. W. Moore & Co., chalk,	50
Thompson, Broad & Co., school books,	66 36
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Total, Schools,	\$305 71

SUPPORT OF POOR.

T. S. Sherman, Overseer's salary.	\$25 00
J. C. Butterfield, “ “	20 00
C. Fairbanks. “ “	20 00
Travelling expenses, stationery and postage,	4 67
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	\$69 67

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

R. M. Flint, labor and material,*	\$35 28
T. J. Damon, stone posts and carting,	11 50
S. D. Bryden, snow work,	34 80
G. W. Philbrick, “	25 50
J. C. Butterfield, “	6 60
J. Mullen, “	14 70
gravel, \$3.25 ; plank walks at new Town Hall,	
\$3.50,	6 75
J. W. Parmenter, snow work,	23 40
H. G. Hammond, “	11 55
J. D. Moulton, “	32 40

*Including work on “Stone Bridge.”

C. Fairbanks, snow work,	6 60
work per order of Selectmen,	23 10
work on new road, Cochituate,	24 00
L. J. Bemis, work near " Five Paths,"	15 00
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Total for Highways and Bridges,	\$271 18

LIBRARY.

E. A. Peirce. moving books to new room,	\$5 00
J. S. Draper, " " "	15 00
preparing and proof reading Library Cata-	
logues,	10 00
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Total for Library,	\$30 00

TOWN CLERK.

Express fees, \$3 50 ; copying, \$1,	\$4 05
Recording births, deaths and marriages,	46 20
Return of a death,	25
Journey to Cambridge,	2 00
Counting votes for Representative,	2 00
Salary, 1878-9,	25 00
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Total, Town Clerk,	\$79 50

TREASURER.

Salary, 1878-9,	\$25 00
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LOCKUP.

Nathan Haynes, use of land,	\$25 00
C. W. Hanscomb, keys,	1 00
W. M. Fullick, labor and material,	10 39
damage to trees,	4 00
W. & J. M. Bent, coal,	7 63
J. M. Moore & Co., lamps and oil,	1 24
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Total, Lockup,	\$49 26

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

C. W. Dascomb, express on hose and carriage,	\$14 55
repairs on apparatus and building,	11 87
labor and stock,	4 50
locks and keys,	5 50
stove,	16 00
table,	3 00
polish,	1 05
goods,	5 86
coal,	1 88
head-light,	14 00
spittoons,	1 50
watchman,	5 00
stove-pipe,	3 00
water rates,	6 00
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Total, Fire Department,	\$93 71

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. W. Moore & Co., oil, burners, wicks, &c.,	\$13 47
G. W. Dixon, glass and setting, old Hall,	30
H. Wight, wood, old Hall,	4 50
E. A. Peirce, care of old Hall,	20 00
J. W. Moore & Co., four brass locks,— constables,	3 00
J. Bullard, return of deaths,	5 50
A. B. Lyon, travelling expenses, &c., in case of Adams vs. Wayland, with witness fees,	62 76
G. Phinney, printing warrants, &c.,	20 59
C. A. Parker, express fees,	2 95
E. O. Herne, damage sustained on road,	20 00
J. S. Draper, auditing Town accounts, proof reading, &c.,	25 00
stationery, postage and express fees,	96
J. C. Butterfield, Superintendent of Cemetery,	15 00
return of deaths,	5 00
postage and stationery,	75
Rockwell & Churchill, printing Town Reports,	89 90

G. W. Dixon, wood-box, \$3 ; stock and work for new Town building, \$14.25,	17 25
Total Miscellaneous,	<hr/> \$307 34

At the Town Meeting, April 7, 1879, the above bills were referred to the Selectmen for approval.

J. S. DRAPER,
Auditor

Wayland, Feb. 1, 1880.